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The late-December to early-January surge of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 caused a number of unexpected changes to our Town's scheduled events, resulting in the January version of this newsletter never going to print (the information provided therein would have been inaccurate given those changes). Ironically, the Mayor's Message that was drafted for the January, 2022 newsletter directly addressed efficient notification of important information to our citizens.

Many residents have reached out that they are not aware of town-sponsored events or important Town related information on a timely basis. The Town currently notifies residents about events and information by placing it on our website, Facebook page, Instagram, Twitter, printing it in the newsletter (such as the one you are reading now), advertising it on the electric boards on the Causeway and Kane Concourse. We also send out alerts via automated texts, email and telephone calls.

Nevertheless, some citizens are not receiving the news. If you have ideas on how to better connect the residents with our Town government, please contact Town Hall with your suggestions. It is imperative that our residents know about events and important information. Late last year, we hosted two different concerts (we had to reschedule Snow Day and Movie Night), and we want all Bay Harbor Islands residents to have the opportunity to attend similar events in the future. In addition, as always, every member of the Town Council and the Town Manager are open to any suggestions on how to improve the Town.

One such important piece of information is the effort being put forth by your Town Council to secure state and Federal funding for the eventual replacement of the Causeway bridge. As the bridge's structural and functional lifespan comes toward its end, the Town Council is diligently working on ensuring a modern replacement is timely constructed, without overburdening our residents with the full cost or traffic disruption. A project of this scope takes time, but with prudent planning, it can be accomplished with minimal impact to our citizens.

On a much lighter note, for those of you planning on taking your significant other out for dinner on Valentine's Day, please consider enjoying one of the wonderful restaurants on Kane Concourse. Not only would you be supporting our local businesses, but you and your significant other can witness first-hand the recent revitalization of our commercial district. The increase in the number of fine restaurants, many of which have expanded outdoor seating, is the first step in the exciting future of Kane Concourse.



TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands annual municipal election will take place on Tuesday, April 5. If you are not already properly registered to vote with a Harbor Islands residential address, you may obtain a registration form at Town Hall or at any state Driver License office. Under state law, the books will close to new registrations 29-days prior to the election (March 7). You are not required to re-register if you already have a current Miami-Dade County voter registration card with the proper address. Contact the Miami-Dade County Elections Department at 305-499-8683 or via email at register@miamidade.gov, if you have questions regarding your registration.

For new voter registration, a resident must be at least 18 years of age and be a citizen of the United States. There is no minimum residency requirement for registration. You can now register on-line by visiting the Miami-Dade County Elections website, <http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/voter-registration.asp>. If you are unable to go to the polls on the day of the Town election, vote-by-mail ballots may be requested from the Miami-Dade County Elections Department by calling 305-499-8444, or online on the county's elections website iamelectionready.org. Mail ballots must be returned no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

One seat on the Town Council will come up for vote in the April 5 election (Council Member Jordan W. Leonard). If you wish to become a candidate for a Town Council seat, please contact the Town Clerk for more information.

Qualifying Dates:

Starts: Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.
Ends: Friday, March 4, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Municipal Qualifications:

In accordance with Section 2.03 of the Town Charter, candidates for the office of Council Member shall be permanent residents and registered electors of the Town for at least twelve (12) months.

Qualifying Officer:

Alba L. Chang, Town Clerk
Office of the Town Clerk, Town of Bay Harbor Islands
9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, Annex Building
Bay Harbor Islands, FL 33154
Email: achang@bayharborislands-fl.gov
Phone: 305-866-6241

All prospective candidates are urged to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 305-866-6241, in advance, to schedule an appointment to file qualifying documentation. An appointment will ensure that appropriate personnel is available to process the qualifying papers.

Each Town Council member is elected by the voters of the Town for a 4-year term of office. These terms of office are staggered so that only two Council members run for office each year (with only one seat open each fourth year). This system provides for stability and continuity in our Town Government. Each Council member receives a salary of \$1 per year, which is traditionally donated to a charitable cause.

The Town Council meets on a regular basis, on the second Wednesday evening of the month, at least ten (10) times per year. In addition, the Council members spend many hours at various committee, board, workshops, and special meetings. By state law, all meetings are open to the public, and members of the community are encouraged to attend meetings to be informed on issues concerning our community.

More information will be provided in the February issue of the newsletter. You can also visit the Town's website for updated information on the upcoming elections, <https://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/elections>.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



**What topics
would you like
covered in our
lecture series?**



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NEWS FROM THE BAY HARBOR ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Lindsley Noel is Promoted to Deputy Chief



Chief of Police Raul M. Diaz (center) gave the oath to Police Deputy Chief Lindsley Noel (right).



On Tuesday, January 18, 2022, long-time member of the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department, Lindsley Noel, was promoted to Deputy Chief of the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department. The ceremony was held at Officer Scott A. Winters Park on 98th Street and was well attended by family, friends, Town staff and members of the BHI Police and officers and brass from neighboring municipalities.



PROFILE OF POLICE DEPUTY CHIEF OF LINDSLEY

Deputy Chief Lindsley Noel began his law enforcement career with the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department in February of 2006, as a patrol officer. The following year, he received the 2007 Officer of the Year Award for exceptional patrol efforts in apprehending an armed carjacking subject, fraud subjects and overall performance statistics. It was evident that Noel was to be an exemplary member of the Department.

As a patrol detective, he worked closely with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Agency, Secret Service, United States Marshals and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, utilizing them as additional resources to help solve crimes. Noel was promoted to Patrol Sergeant in 2013 and made responsible for day-to-day patrol activities. He supervised both the Alpha and Bravo squad Patrol Officers in ensuring the safety and security of our citizens, and introduced a field training program for Police Sergeants and Supervisors. As a Detective Sergeant, he became responsible for the Criminal Investigation Division Detectives and all incidents requiring investigations; including police involved shootings, subject shootings, and sexual battery.

In 2015, he was promoted to Police Captain and served as the incident commander for the Police Department, overseeing the Police Operations Division, Police Administrative Services Division and Criminal Investigation Division. He reviewed all Use of Force reports and investigated or assigned Internal Affairs complaints. Noel also assisted with obtaining the department's first CFA Accreditation in 2016, and re-accreditation in 2019.

On January 18, 2022, the Captain was promoted to Deputy Chief of the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department and looks forward to continued service with the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department and the community.

He supervises the Marine Patrol Unit, Bicycle Unit, Field Force Unit, Patrol Division, Reserve Officers, Communication Bureau and School Resource Officer. He reviews and generates new departmental information bulletins, training bulletins, and policies

and procedures. With his knowledge of accounting, he is well-versed with the department's budget and provides information on budgeted items.

He has been honored with "MADD's Top Cop" award four times, making him the first Bay Harbor Islands Police Department Drug Recognition Expert to receive recognition from Mothers Against Drunk Driving "MADD" organization.

In 2015, he received the investigative "LEO" award for coordinating and leading a multi-agency task force from Miami Dade County to Palm Beach County in solving a \$4,000,000 international property crime scheme, victimizing two Bay Harbor Islands residents for over \$1,000,000. He was awarded by the Miami Dade Chief's Association numerous times along with multiple unit commendations

In 2019, while serving as Captain, he received the coveted Miami-Dade Law Enforcement Officer Award for leading multiple agencies within Miami-Dade County in coordinating a multi-agency Field Force Team of over 70 members and approximately nine police agencies. Deputy Chief Noel's formal education includes a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Leadership from St. Thomas University, and a Master of Accounting from Nova Southeastern University. He is a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy, Executive Management Training, Academy Session 271.

His law enforcement studies include Field Training Officer, Crisis Intervention Team Training, and the notable Hostage Negotiations Course. He is grateful for the opportunity to enhance the capabilities of the police department and equipping the officers with the tools they need to perform their duties efficiently. He hopes to continue establishing community-based relationships with the Town residents and business owners and in maintaining strong working relationships with Town officials.

The Deputy Chief enjoys spending quality time with his spouse and two children and his hobbies include flying drones, fishing and working on high-speed RC cars. Congratulations on your well-deserved promotion, Deputy Chief Noel.

Annual Toy Drive Brings Holiday Joy to Children



Our sincere thanks goes out to the Town staff members and residents who generously donated to our 2021 BHI Toy Drive. Your kindness and beneficence surely brought joy to countless children. With so many kind people helping, this Toy Drive was the most successful yet. The Town's van was overflowing with the donated bikes and toys, as our BHI Police delivered the gifts to Camillus House (at left).

Officers Connect with Families at 'Shop With the Cop'

On December 17, 2021, the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department participated in the annual "Shop with a Cop Event". Our officers particularly enjoyed this opportunity to spread holiday cheer and continue building positive police/community connections with our wonderful residents.



GET TO KNOW OUR OFFICERS

Meet Detective Alan Castellanos

Detective Alan Castellanos was born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. His family emigrated to the United States when Alan was eight years old and they made their home in Florida. After graduating high school in 2001, he immediately joined the U.S. Army, with whom he proudly served for eight years. Upon receiving his Honorable Discharge, Castellanos decided to pursue a career in policing. He began his police career with the City of Hialeah as a uniformed officer. He worked as a patrol officer for seven years and received over 15 commendations with that agency for excellent police work. In 2013, Detective Castellanos joined the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department.



Since that time, he has been named Officer of the Year several times, Officer of the Month for the Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police, and received the Investigative Excellence Award from the South Florida Police Benevolent Association. The detective is proud to serve the residents of Bay Harbor Islands and looks forward to enhancing his law enforcement career with our Department. He is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division and the Professional Compliance Bureau and serves as the Police Department Emergency Management Coordinator.

In his spare time, Alan enjoys watching and playing baseball (his favorite team is the Boston Red Sox) and he plays in tournaments throughout the U.S. His favorite quote is, "You cannot climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pockets."

APPLY FOR 2022 MOM AND POP SMALL BUSINESS GRANT



Small business owners in Miami-Dade County's District 4 can apply for up to a \$5,000 grant from Commissioner Sally Heyman's annual Mom and Pop Small Business Grant Program.

Completed applications will be accepted Jan. 31 through noon, Feb. 18 and can be

mailed or hand-delivered to the District 4 Office, 1380 NE Miami Gardens Dr., Suite 282, Miami, FL 33179 or emailed to district4@miamidade.gov. (Hand-delivered applications will ONLY be accepted on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) For the application and or more info, go to <https://www.miamidade.gov/district04/library/district-4-mom-and-pop-application.pdf>

A MUSICAL DECEMBER TO REMEMBER

From Cuban Country to Holiday Favorites, the Audience Roared

Bay Harbor Islands had a double-treat of outstanding music in December. First with the Cuban country songs of Cortadito featuring Nestor Torres and a week later the audience danced and sang-along with the holiday tunes of The Swing All Stars. Both concerts were well attended with food trucks available before and during the concerts.



KNOW THE CODE





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands is looking for volunteers to serve on the following Committees and Board:

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

The Design Review Board is responsible for the review of new construction, exterior renovations, additions, plan revisions, etc. The Board meets on the first Tuesday of the month. Professionals need not be residents of Bay Harbor Islands, but must be presently employed full time or were employed full time in the field of engineering, architecture, land use and zoning law, city planning, construction, or any other field which substantially relates to the planning and development of real estate.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Committee meets quarterly or as committee members deemed necessary. The committee members provide recommendations and feedback to the Town Council regarding current & future park facilities and recreational programs.

SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY COMMITTEE

This is a newly formed committee that will address topics related to sustainability, resiliency, and environmental impacts to the Town.

CHARTER AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

The Charter and Ordinance Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Town Council and recommend, any amendments necessary to reform or update the Town Charter and Code. Providing, however, that any member of the Charter Review Committee may present an alternative recommendation regarding any specific amendment. Committee Members shall be residents and electors of the Town. Each member shall have an interest in, or experience relating to, the Town Charter, Town Code or governmental procedures and processes.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on a committee and/or Design Review Board, please submit a letter of interest and resume to the Town Clerk Alba L. Chang at achang@bayharborislands-fl.gov.

CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE MONTH

Protect Watercraft, Electronics & Equipment from Thieves

- Remove all portable electronic devices from the vessel when not in use.
- Install surveillance cameras equipped with infrared capabilities and motion detectors positioned to capture the entire vessel and the helm.
- Install adequate lighting of the areas where your craft and/or equipment are located.
- Install a kill switch in the ignition system.
- Install a watercraft alarm system with tracking capabilities.
- Make certain your marine insurance policy includes not only the boat, but also your equipment and trailer.
- Keep a copy of your registration and boat title in a safe place in your home.
- Keep a copy of inventoried items on the boat and in your dock box, including radio, depth sounder, GPS and trailer. Be sure to list all your items with make, model and serial numbers.





BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES

BHI Tennis Program Has Something for Everyone

From tots to adults to seniors, the Town's new tennis program has lessons and clinics for racket swinging residents of all ages. **Visit the Community Services Page to reserve your time slot at <https://tiny.one/bhi-tennis-prog> to see what is new or to sign-up for a class, lesson or court time.** First come, first served. Please note, dates and times may be subject to change.

PROGRAMS

REGISTER ONLINE AT tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register

TOT & YOUTH

Story Time in the Park - At the Tot Lot on the first and third Friday of the month at 4 p.m. and at the 98th Street Park on the second and third Friday of the month at 4 p.m.

Pee-Wee Soccer - At the 98th Street Park on Sundays for children, ages 12 months to five years. Times vary by age. The 8-week session is \$95 for residents.

Kids Piano - Ongoing for 8-weeks, one-hour sessions are on Wednesdays from 2:15 p.m. for ages 6 to 14, \$150. Six students maximum.

ADULTS & SENIORS

Tai Chi - At the Morris N. Broad Community Center Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.–11 a.m. \$40 for 8 weeks.

Zumba for Adults – At the Morris N. Broad Community Center on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Adult Yoga – At the Morris N. Broad Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

SENIOR COMPUTER CLASS

Senior Computer Class - Morris N. Broad Community Center on Wednesday. Fee is \$40 residents/\$60 non residents. Sign up today! <https://tiny.one/BHI-Seniors>



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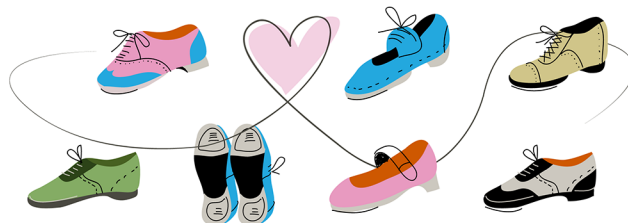
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IN HONOR OF "NATIONAL SHOE THE WORLD DAY"
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COLLECTION FROM MARCH 1 – 31, 2022



**COLLECTION BINS LOCATED AT TOWN HALL AND
THROUGHOUT BROWARD AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTIES**

All shoes collected will be donated to Camillus House

To benefit the Homeless in South Florida



Joshua D. Fuller <i>Mayor</i>	Maria D. Lasday <i>Town Manager</i>
Elizabeth Tricoche <i>Vice Mayor</i>	Alba L. Chang <i>Town Clerk</i>
Stephanie Bruder <i>Council Member</i>	Joseph Geller <i>Town Attorney</i>
Molly Diallo <i>Council Member</i>	Raul M. Diaz <i>Chief of Police</i>
Jordan W. Leonard <i>Council Member</i>	Peter V. Kajokas <i>Finance Director</i>
Isaac Salver <i>Council Member</i>	
Robert Yaffe <i>Council Member</i>	



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Emergency: 911

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Upcoming Town Meetings

The Town Council welcomes your attendance and participation at meetings. All meetings, unless regarding topics specifically exempt by state law, are open to the public. To confirm all meeting dates and times, please contact the **Office of the Town Clerk at (305) 866-6241**.

- Development Review Committee
Thursday, February 10, 2022, 11 a.m.
- Public Hearing, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
- Regular Council, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022
(Immediately following the Public Hearing)

The Town Public Meetings will be held at Town Hall Council Chambers. The public and other members of staff are welcome to participate in person. The following future tentative meeting dates are subject to change, therefore, closer to the date, please contact the Office of the Town Clerk or visit the Town's website at www.bayharborislands-fl.gov

Future Tentative Meetings

Design Review Board: Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Regular Council: Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Recent Highlights of the January 19, 2022 Regular Town Council

- **Approval** of a resolution authorizing the Town to join with the State of Florida and other local governmental units as a participant in the Florida Memorandum of Understanding and Formal Agreements implementing a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid litigation settlement proceeds.
- **Approval** to piggyback off the City of Sarasota, Florida contract with LMK Pipe Renewal in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the continuation of sanitary sewer Cured-in-Place Pipe (CIPP) lining.
- **Approval** of Scope and Fee proposal by BCC Engineering Inc. in the amount of \$133,360 to provide the Town with inspection, design, pre and post bid services, bid analysis, contractor's recommendation and CEI services for repairs to the Indian Creek Bridge (No. 875013) identified in the Annual Bridge Inspection Report conducted by Marlin Engineering in August 2021 for FDOT.
- **Approval** to piggyback off the Broward County P25 System and Services Agreement R1422515R1/P1 with Motorola Solutions to procure a Radio Communication System for the Police Department in the amount of \$124,520 for a 60-month lease term, pursuant to Section 2-1(6) of the Town Code.
- **Approval** of contract award to Beefree, LLC dba Freebee for On-Demand Transit Services for the Town.

Topics anticipated for discussion or possible action at the February 15, 2022 Town Council meeting

- An ordinance on second reading requested by Vice Mayor Tricoche amending Chapter 23 of the Town Code to establish additional regulations for vacation rentals on the Town's East Island.